

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**November 26, 2001**

**IN RE:**

**NOTICE OF US LEC CORP OF A "BONA  
FIDE REQUEST" FOR AN INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT WITH THE TDS LOCAL  
EXCHANGE CARRIERS PURSUANT TO  
47 U.S.C. SECTION 251**

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**DOCKET NO. 00-00026**

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**ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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This matter is before the Pre-Hearing Officer upon the request of the TDS Local Exchange Carriers ("TDS TELECOM") for additional time within which to respond to the Notification filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA") in this docket by US LEC Corp. ("US LEC"). Pursuant to the Pre-Hearing Officer's *Order Establishing Procedural Schedule* issued on November 16, 2001, TDS TELECOM was required to respond to US LEC's Notification not later than November 26, 2001. TDS TELECOM has requested an additional week to file its response. US LEC has agreed to TDS TELECOM's request for additional time and the parties have further asked that each of the scheduled dates be extended by one week. Based upon the foregoing, the Pre-Hearing Officer grants TDS TELECOM's request for an additional week within which to file its response and extends each deadline date in the procedural schedule by one week.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Counsel for US LEC has acknowledged that the 120 day time period for acting on US LEC's request for interconnection would commence from November 20, 2001, the date on which the Authority approved the withdrawal of the petition in TRA Docket No. 99-00613. See *Order Establishing Procedural Schedule*, Docket No. 00-00026, (November 16, 2001), p. 2.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Pre-Hearing Officer hereby amends the procedural schedule as follows:

<b>December 3, 2001</b>	TDS TELECOM's Response to US LEC's Request
<b>December 17, 2001</b>	U. S. LEC's Discovery Completed and Direct Testimony Due
<b>January 17, 2002</b>	TDS TELECOM's Discovery Completed and Direct and Rebuttal Testimony Due
<b>January 31, 2002</b>	US LEC's Reply Testimony Due

All filings are required to be submitted to the Authority no later than **2:00 p.m.** on the date that they are due.

J. Richard Collier  
J. Richard Collier, Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:

K. David Waddell  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

November 26, 2001  
Date